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For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR PROVIDING  
WEB-BASED INSURANCE DATA  
PROCESSING SERVICES TO USERS

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

### STATUS INQUIRY

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Dear Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the attorney named below be advised of the status of the above-identified application. Please advise us of when we might expect to receive an Office Action from the Patent and Trademark Office.

Applicant believes no fee is due. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 18-1945, under Order No. SPLT-P01-005 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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